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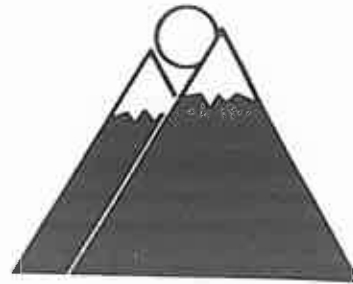
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COMMENTS

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Commander



By this time I hope all of you have made up your mind if you plan to attend the Denver Reunion or not. Inside this newsletter are forms to fill out & send in if you have not already done so. I have talked with Jim & things are all set. This has not been easy for the McFetridge's, as Jim has had some heart problems & also some surgery. Even with all his problems the reunion plans were made & set. If you have never hosted a reunion you can't believe the small problems that come up. Jim & Katherine have taken care of all the bugs and I give them my appreciation for the work that they have done. We are a very loose knit group & plans can change, but once we set a date for a reunion that's it. I have been on the phone to Jim several times. A couple times to the Denver Convention Bureau & to the Holiday Inn in downtown Denver. Lila & I plan to arrive on Wed., Hoyt & Sarah plan on Wed or Thur. We will help make the final arrangements & plans with Jim at that time. We will be planning some tours & there will be time for shopping -- resting or a bull session whatever is your wish. We will be having one room as our headquarters. We will post the days schedule for all to see in this room. At our Business meeting we will be asking for someone to host our next reunion in '37. I have been contacted by a couple of guys who have said that they would like to take a shot at it. If you have some thoughts about it, the business meeting is the time that we will decide. Lila & I, Hoyt & Sarah, Jim & Katherine all wish you the best on the trip to Denver. We will be looking forward to your arrival in Denver. If you have not made up your mind I hope this newsletter will convince you that it would be a memorable trip to make. Hope to see you all in the Mile High City. J. L. COLE

EVERYONE'S GOING



mail call

Dear John,



Sorry, I have not written before. I wish to thank you for two copies that I have received of the "Calversion". Am attaching a little something for newsletter expenses. For some reason, I have a note from Royd Arnot. I shall drop him a few lines today. As for my Naval Record, I am as follows: C. J. Mitchell - Chief Warrant Machinist USNR Served aboard the U.S.S. Calvert 42-45. Summary: Joined the U.S. Navy Dec. 2, 1939. Finished boot-training at Norfolk, Va. and assigned to the U.S.S. Yorktown until sunk June 4-6, 1942 in the Midway battle. After spending time in Hawaii, home on leave then to the U.S.S. Calvert in Aug. & Sept 1942 at Sparrows Point, Maryland. (put in commission) Boarded the Calvert as Watertender 1/c and subsequently made Chief WT. I was appointed Machinist U.S.N just before the ship left Seattle, Wash. to Tokyo, Japan, I believe, because my orders came in to report to New Orleans Ship Repair Base, then I was discharged on Dec. 19, 1945. I joined the local reserve unit, then in '55 I was appointed permanent Chief Warrant Machinist. To-day I am completely retired from U.S. Navy Reserve and my former company. "living and glad to be". John, I think you have done an excellent and productive job. "MITCH"

Had Harry Lee reunion on Nov. 10th a one night affair but good. Met Bill Moar who asked to be put on mailing list. On Calvert 42-43, Shipfitter 1/c. Would like to attend some of those good reunions he's heard about. Also heard from Jim McPetridge so it's a go for July 27, 28 & 29th. Got a bit worried on the long delay but glad it's underway. Hope more show up for Denver than Frisco. Miss seeing them. Well John be waiting to hear from your newsletter and see you at Denver I hope. SHWABEE

Your last Calversion indicated that at times you could use something of interest to make up the Calversion. On July 9, 1943 about 11 P.M. the Calvert was off the shores of Sicily and had deployed the first waves of troops for the invasion of that Island. While waiting for orders to proceed to the beaches we received orders from the transport division commander "H" hour was delayed 1 hour and to re-call the troops back to their respective ships. Now this caused extreme concern on the bridge and chartroom. The Captain and Communications officer pleaded with Chief Warren Claxton CRM to call the radio operation in the boat and return immediately. Now this radio operator had very strict orders not to answer his radio because of strict radio silence. The Chief agreed to give it a try. The captain was pacing all around the chartroom. After 3 calls of about 10 seconds intervals, we got a call from the radio operator. "Received your orders will comply immediately. Everyone in the chart room showed great relief, but, then the Captain told Chief Claxton that he wanted the radio operator to report to his cabin as soon as he would get back with an explanation why he defied such strict orders on radio silence. Chief Claxton told the Captain "fine" but I'm going right along with him. Now this radio operator C.J. Remington RM 3/c was a shy Nebraska farm boy and a very competent operator. So his explanation to the Captain was that he recognized the voice of the Chief because of all the training we had and why wait on the third call before answering. Well it took a little time convincing the boat officer that this was no fluke. Would appreciate if someone knowing of this incident would add more to this and perhaps identify the boat officer. This radio operator was from Holbrook, Nebraska. Don't look for it on the map. See you in Denver. M.A. COUVILLION

Thanks for Calversion #14 -- hope all is well with you & yours! Don't know where the time goes but I do know the enclosed contribution is long overdue! McPetridge sent me all the dope on the Denver re-union and since Jim & I were together on the MAA force for a few years, we had a lot in common. I sent him a letter today and --God willing-- I'll be there in July. Helen & I attended the mini-reunion at Lancaster, Pa. and I had quite a conversation with Roy Rankus (comparing our cardiac problems) and as you know, both he and Joe Evans (he was paymaster and I acted as his security guard on paydays) will not make any more reunions! Another shipmate at Lancaster was Bill Hobrat -- we were together in the 1st division -- he came aboard as a roly-poly teenager with curly blonde hair and stated he was the "South Side Kid from Pittsburgh" --

He certainly matured into one of the finest of men! John, I find myself rambling on, but I must close by complimenting you on the 4.0 job and service you have rendered to all of us who were privileged to serve in the Calvert! I am looking forward to meeting you at Denver in July. CHARLES FRANCHER

Just a couple of lines to let you know and my other friends that I won't be attending the reunion this year. Mary Louise, my wife and friend for over forty four years, (thirty nine as husband and wife) passed away on 8 March this year. I miss her sorely and am not up to anything at this time. I will be looking forward to the '87 reunion, (also mini reunion I'd like to know about) and of course the always welcome and informative "Calversion". Enclosed is a check in a small amount to help perpetuate the Calversion and any other use you may make of it. I wrote Jim McPetridge and advised him of my regrets. CHARLIE SKILLMAN

Just wanted to report that I have had a minor landslide of requests all over again, for the scroll and decals.....quite a surprising development.....about six or seven..... which gave me a chance to tout the Denver Reunion...I also went ahead and made up about 30 postcards addressed to various men that I shipped out with, or rather, served aboard the Calvert with, and sent them on the John Flanaca and asked him to sign those also with me to give a little boost to the suggestion that they all make Denver... I tried to steer clear of those like O'Brien and Simon whom I am pretty certain will make it without any prodding.....I just thought you might like the idea.....and do it yourself.....or how about a chain-letter asking each guy inturn to send it along to someone he knows rather well, and that way, we might build up a real good reunion..... I also had an idea to suggest, but it is a bit too late....the idea that I see grabbing hold all over the country lately, and that is putting special names on license plates for a premium, of course....but I thought that perhaps some guys might take to the suggestion to have APA 32 put on their plate instead of XYZ 246 or some such thing.....How about you? You're Numero Uno in this shebang....maybe you can start things rolling....yes? Be nice to show up at the reunion with the plate number on the car....sort of a jolt for guys who thought of everything else to do. DAVE CULLEN

Received the Vol. No. 14 newsletter of the Calversion for which I wish to thank you. I especially enjoyed the letter written by Ralph Sheeby since I was on the Calvert at the same time that he was on the ship. John, keep up the good works. BILL ALLYN

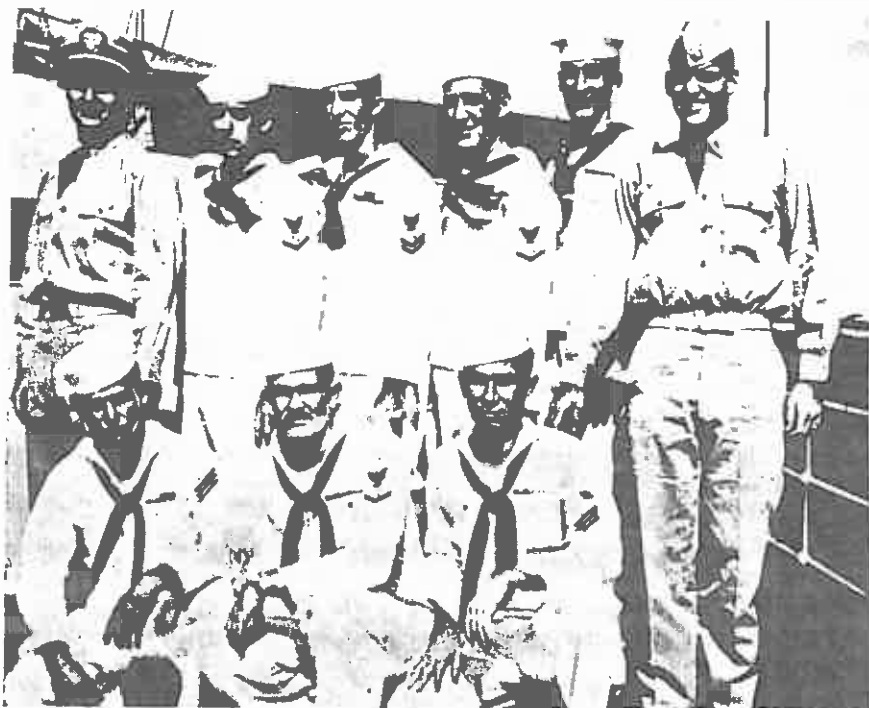
I'm sending two more names for you to put on the mailing list. I have given them the info on the reunion and if you will send them a copy of the addresses of the other shipmates they will owe you one. Am planning on being in Denver for the reunion and I'm also putting a fire on fifteen other mates to attend. See you in the Mile High. ED PLEART

Hi John, just a short note to let you know, we received the Calversion, & like always, we read it from cover to cover. We didn't have snow for Xmas, but we have our share now, seems like it don't want to quit. We fired Jim our intentions to be in Denver, God willing for the reunion, we intend to drive & see some of the country. I have a friend at work about my age 59, he served in the Pacific in WWII on a can, they were in the escort group, & helped take care of our lady a few times. I share the Calversion & other navy news with him. I think he may try to put together a reunion for his ship. Well, take care, see you folks in Denver. BILLIE TROUT

Thanks a million for your efforts involved with the Calbert Association. It being my first duty station just out of RTC in June of '52 holds a special place in my heart combined with the special shipmates I knew during my 3 year tour. I hope my efforts on contacting former shipmates has been of assistance. Hope to attend the reunion along with Bob Upton in Denver. I look forward to receiving the Calversion. Please check my mailing address. Am now retired LEFP 1985 with 30 yrs. 3 mos. BILL MCCREOR

Received the notice about the Reunion in Denver. We are planning on going and are sending in request for information to Jim. Dick has retired from J L Steel Dec.12th & has another job already. We are looking forward to seeing you in July. DICK & BARE BRINK

Thanks for the Calversion. John Paul Jones was our O Division Officer. He came aboard the Calvert right out of Annapolis. It sure doesn't surprise me that he is an Admiral as he knew how to treat men. If you would have his address I'll write to him & see if we can get him & Winkie to attend the Reunion in Denver. AL BRADBURY



"O" and "T" DIVISION

Standing, left to right:
ENS. CHARLES M. McCARTY USN, (DIV. OFF.), WILLIAM K. HODGIN, DEWELL M. NELSON, JACK W. DAVIS, JOHN A. ANDERSON, ENS. JOHN P. JONES
Kneeling, left to right:
DELBERT DAVIS, CARROLLA WILLIAMS, BOBBY G. RAPER
Missing, left to right:
JOHN R. FLIPPINS, ALGENE L. BRADBURY

"O" Division, or commonly known as the "radar gang", functions as a team in CALVERT's CIC. Normally acting as the Force CI Ship has enabled this crew an opportunity to become the best in PHIBPAC Fleet.

Close harmony between the division petty officer, "Sam" NELSON, "Bimbo" BRADBURY and his charts, and our training petty officer, HODGEN, has caused us to service many a general quarter with flying antennas.

Come down and see us sometime and we'll get FLIP (if he's not busy on the ORT) to show you around. You'll find in the corner an air search equipped with BOBBY RAPER and glued on the summary will be "Willie" (an old LST sailor). This is all providing you're cleared for confidential. If not why not browse through the library with "Andy", CALVERT's favorite librarian. You'll always know us by our CIC palor distinguished from the bar room variety by the lack of same.

COMMANDER NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND

11 January 1985

Dear Mr. Cole:

What a delightful surprise to receive your letter and a copy of Calversion!. It certainly did bring back memories ... of my first assignment in the Navy. CALVERT was a good ship, with a good crew and good times -- not to mention a lot of history. She also proved to be great training ground for a young Ensign, fresh from the Naval Academy.

I appreciate very much being placed on your mailing list. The preferred mailing address is:

I regret very much that my schedule won't permit a trip to Denver in July for the reunion, but rest assured that my thoughts will be with you there.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,


J. P. JONES JR.
Rear Admiral, CEC, U. S. Navy



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- 5 Denver Art Museum, 100 West 14th Parkway.** The building itself is a piece of sculpture, a 10-story 28-sided structure covered with a million shimmering gray glass tiles. Inside is one of the world's great collections of native American Indian art works, an extensive Western art collection, and some 35,000 other art objects in seven curatorial departments. Admission charged. Restaurant and gift shop on premises. **HOURS:** Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. and Mon. 12 a.m.-5 p.m. 575-2793.
- 6 Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway.** A museum showcasing Colorado history through continuing and special exhibitions including Mining in Colorado; miniature dioramas; ancient pottery and basketry from Mesa Verde; and memorabilia from the lives of the famous Tabor family. Admission charged. **HOURS:** Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. 12-4:30 p.m.; closed Mon. 866-3682.
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- 11 16th Street Mall, 16th Street from Broadway to Market Street.** The mile long tree-lined Mall is the principal shopping district in downtown Denver, lined with distinctive department stores, restaurants and shops. Free shuttle bus service.
- 12 Museum of Western Art, 1727 Tremont Place.** Located in the Navarre, a one-time gambling hall and brothel, this new museum has over 125 paintings and bronzes by Western artists from the 19th and 20th centuries including works by Frederic Remington, Charles Russell, Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran and Georgia O'Keeffe. **HOURS:** Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. and Mon. 1-5 p.m.
- 19 Larimer Square, 1400 block of Larimer Street.** A restored section of Denver's oldest — and at one time, wildest — streets. Arcades, courtyards, gas lamps and Victorian buildings house restaurants, nightclubs, art galleries and some of the city's most distinctive shops. Bat Masterson owned a saloon here and every outlaw and desperado in the West once walked this street. Today it attracts musicians, artists and craftsmen. Numerous special events throughout the year. Adjacent to new Writer's Market area, (15th and Larimer) which captures the feel of the Victorian era.
- 24 Denver Firefighters Museum, 1326 Tremont Avenue.** Fascinating collection of antique firefighting memorabilia makes the early days of firefighting come to life. Admission charged. **HOURS:** Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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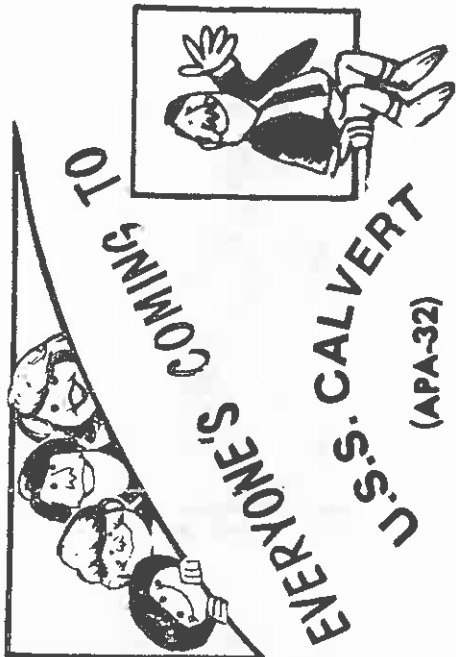
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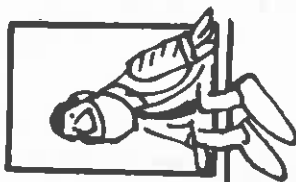
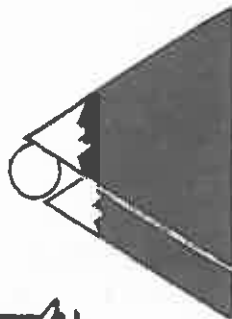
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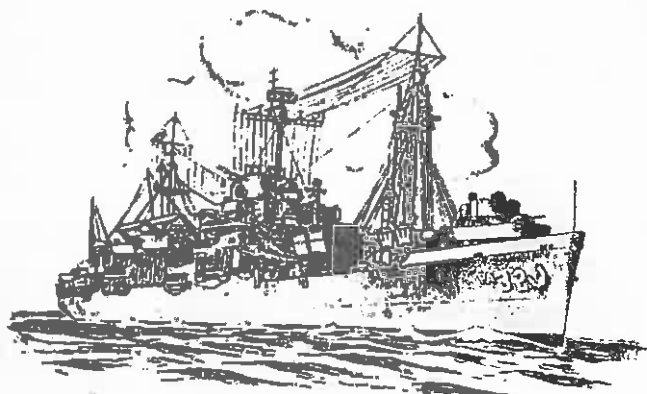
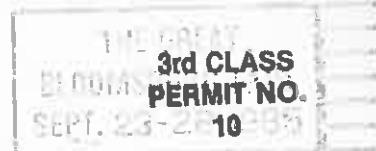
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